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School wrongly convicted little kid for drawing soldiers

Suspending a little kid for drawing soldiers? Sounds like guilty until proven innocent.

Thanks to the many school districts in our country for their assistance in avoiding the cause, and for helping to promote the idiotic concept that control outweighs true education and concern.

I hope they didn't hurt the kid's feelings too much.

I guess that was a lot easier than complimenting him and gearing him toward art classes so he would be happy and have more to look forward to.

Clothes, not a public relations campaign, make the man

I received a brochure, printed and mailed out at taxpayers' expense, promoting Canton's new image as a city of leisure.

If leisure is such an important government function, wouldn't it have been cheaper to dress up all township employees in leisure suits?

Residents should ideally provide values in a rat-free home

The ideal home?
No water damage, no radon gas, no rodents, and no government.

Morals and values should be provided by residents.



The new fulltime firefighters pose with members of the City Council. Front row left to right: Tim Rhoton, Pete Bergeron, Douglas Rowe, Scott Ladach and Jim Harrison, 2nd row, Mayor William Oakley, Councilman Donald Morris, Councilwoman Debbie Romak, Fire Dept. Coordinator Jerry Ladach, Michael Wojtylko, and Councilman William Crova. Back row; Deputy Chief Bob Pecszeny, Dan Lorboshe, John Thiede, Fire Chief David Allison and Councilman Michael Prybyla. Photo by Gena Giannuzzi.

8 full-time firefighters hired

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Special Writer

At an April 2nd ceremony inside Romulus City Council Chambers, the first eight full-time city firefighters were hired. Until now, the Romulus Fire Department has been solely run by volunteer firemen who were paid on a per fire run basis. The drawback to a volunteer run fire department is that it is hard to find enough firefighters when they are needed.

"It was hard for the personnel to come out during the day because of their regular paid jobs," said Fire Chief Allison. "We need a minimum of 2 - 4 people for a rescue, and a minimum of 4 people for a fire. We would have to take people from 2 stations to cover a fire because we didn't have enough at one station."

Talking about the benefits of having eight full time firefighters Allison added, "It won't cover all the problems but it is a start. There is going to be coverage during the day which is our weakness right now. Response time will be cut in half. It's a step to the future."

Deputy Fire Chief Bob Pecszeny attributed the need for full-time firefighters to an increase in the number of people moving to Romulus. "The city is growing up," he said.

"As the city grows we'll have to add more on."

The new full-time firemen left various jobs; including being a cement truck driver, a paramedic, a welder, and an airline employee.

Some took pay reductions to become a full-time firefighter because it was something they really wanted to do. All are Romulus residents.

Scott Ladach, a 10 year volunteer with the department, decided to walk in his father's foot steps. "I always looked up to him, and the job that he did," he said about his father, Jerry Ladach.

Jerry Ladach celebrated his 30th year with the Romulus Fire Department on April 2nd, the same day that his son Scott was hired in as one of the first 8 full time fire fighters. Scott's paternal grandfather was an auxiliary firefighter for Detroit, making him a 3rd generation firefighter. Aaron Ladach, Scott's 9 year old son, knows everything about the equipment on a fire truck, and wants to be a firefighter when he grows up too.

Sylvia Ladach, Scott's mother, said, "I'm very proud of my son, and proud of my husband. Today is really a special day."

Another firefighter, Michael Wojtylko was encouraged to become a firefighter by his brother, and has been a volunteer firefighter for 9 years. He said about working for the fire department, "There is a new challenge everyday. I enjoy doing it. I love serving the city."

Douglas Rowe, a paramedic for 10 years, has been a Romulus volunteer firefighter for 3 years. "I always respected the field. When the opportunity came to volunteer for the city, I thought I would give back to the community." Happy

about being hired full time Rowe included, "I'll be able to devote more of my time to the city. I'm going to try my best. Hopefully I won't let anybody down."

Two years volunteer, Jim Harrison, commented, "I just always wanted to do it (firefighting) since I was a kid. I worked full time at Northwest airlines, and put myself through school. I want to make a career out of being a fireman. I've always liked the action." Harrison got an associates degree in Fire Science at School Craft College.

There are still 28 volunteer firefighters with the Romulus Fire Department, but Chief Allison says they need more, but it is hard to find people able to put the time in to achieve the required 240 hours of training necessary to become a firefighter.

Several city officials were present to welcome this new step in Romulus' progress, including Mayor Bill Oakley, who summed the occasion up by saying, "This is the beginning of our fire department. From this we can build a foundation."

Project Health visits April 19

Project Health Living is coming to the Romulus Recreation Center on April 19. Project Healthy Living offers a wide array of helpful information from hearing screenings to medication counseling.

Located at 36515 Bibbins, the Recreation Center will be open from 10-6 for anyone interested in partaking in the free services.

Disaster a simulation Romulus prepares for real thing

By GENA GIANNUZZI
MCN Special Writer

On March 21st Romulus Fire Fighters received hands on training to combat a hazardous materials disaster if one should occur on Romulus Roads. The training included a simulated disaster with an actual tanker tipped over on top of a car. Both new and veteran Fire Fighters were present at the hazardous materials class.

Providing the truck and equipment were J & M Towing, one of only two companies in the state of Michigan trained in uprighting Hazmat (short for hazardous materials) tankers, using airbags. J & M Towing works in conjunction with the Fire Departments and emergency management teams when there is an accident involving hazardous materials.

Firefighters learned recognition of hazardous materials, procedures to confine a spill from going into waterways or sewers, how to rescue someone involved in an accident involving hazardous materials, how to remove a contaminant from an injured individual so they can be transported to the hospital, and how to decontaminate personnel.

"The training helps all fire fighters to control the spill, and evacuate the area until the Hazmat team can assemble. We can protect our city until an advance team comes in. We can protect our land and save lives before anything happens. Instead of just having two guys trained we are all trained now," said Lt. John Thiede of the Romulus Fire Department.

Mark Hammond, instructor for the Michigan Firefighters Training Council said, "There is a regular need for hazardous material training. There are 2 to 3 events a month in Wayne County. The accidents range from larger scale to smaller scale. Some are severe, some aren't. It ranges from a large tanker falling over to a drum falling off of a truck."



Simulated hazardous materials accident shows a tanker rolled over on a car.

Rep. Rivers inspires students

Congresswoman Lynn Rivers (D-Ann Arbor) recently paid a visit to the Romulus-Van Buren Adult Education Program. Program Coordinator Sharman Spieser indicated that Rivers was able to meet with all the daytime GED and High School Completion classes.

Rep. Rivers said she had been in the same position as the students she was now talking to. At 17, Rivers had become pregnant and married her high school sweetheart. However, she was able to put herself through college and eventually earn a law degree, even though she was busy raising three young children.

In a letter drafted by the students to Rivers, they expressed their thanks and admiration for the congresswoman.

"Hearing about your experiences and seeing your success," said the letter, "was an inspiration to everyone in the program. Many in our group feel that your early life story is one very similar to ours. As we learned, there were many obstacles that you have maneuvered around in your life and we can plainly see how far you have come, despite these obstacles. This has motivated many of us to keep working around our obstacles."



U.S. Rep. Lynn Rivers enjoys time with adult education students. First row (l to r), Rivers, Marcia Clark, Sharman Spieser, Casandra Mehlow. 2nd row, Sheila Wilson, Latherisa Vaughn, Rebecca Per (teacher) and Brandon Maciel.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF INKSTER

Foundation plans to ‘roast’ Commissioner Beard, Hicks

Program to raise funds for scholarship



Kay Beard

Leanna Hicks

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Two notable Inkster personalities will be ‘roasted and toasted’ for a good cause next month.

Kay Beard, vice chairperson of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, and Leanna Hicks, historian-journalist who is president emeritus of the Inkster Library and Historical Commission, are the center attractions for the third annual Khamalaw H. White Foundation’s scholarship banquet.

The program will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Hawthorne Valley Country Club, 7300 N. Merriman Road, in Westland. Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds fund scholarships for local graduating senior high school students.

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“We would like everyone in our community and surrounding cities to join us in paying a tribute to two outstanding women who have helped improve the quality of life of so many in our communities,” said Dr. Terrel LeCesne, president of the Khamalaw H. White Foundation. “Of course, friendly barbs also will be the order of the day.”

Khamalaw H. White, an educator and coach, retired from the Inkster School District after 35 years in the district. An outstanding track coach who was selected by his peers to the Michigan High School Track & Field’s Hall of Fame. He also served the school district as an athletic director for more than two decades and, as a

dedicated teacher, touched the lives of thousands of children before he retired.

Mr. White recently passed away. His former students, friends, and colleagues organized the foundation as a living tribute to the educator, and the Foundation has managed to provide scholarships to young athletes who may otherwise not have the financial

resources to go on to college.

For ticket information please call 313-562-6805; 734-722-3426; or 734-729-8538. Tickets also may be secured by mail by writing name, address and telephone number and mailing the information, with a check made out to the Khamalaw H. White Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 957, Inkster, Mich. 48141-2709.

Senior Center is in need of a computer

By THEOLA JONES
MCN Special Writer

The Inkster Senior Center, on Lehigh Street, is a meeting place for local senior citizens where they enjoy a wide range of recreational activities.

June Patterson, Activities Coordinator, plans the activities which include monthly shopping trips, excursions to points of interest, fun games and crafts. Commodities also are distributed from the site.

Everything wears out in time, and the time has almost arrived for the center’s computer to print

its last printed words. In other words, the computer is about to say, “see yah.”

A new computer or an updated computer would be a welcome gift to the Inkster Senior Center.

Hopefully, somewhere out there is a computer that someone wants to donate to a worthy group.

If there is, please deliver it to 27441 Lehigh Street.

Here’s hoping that a big-hearted donor will read this and say, “Hey, I can do this.”

If you can donate a computer or if you know of someone who has one and is willing to donate it, please call 313-561-2382.

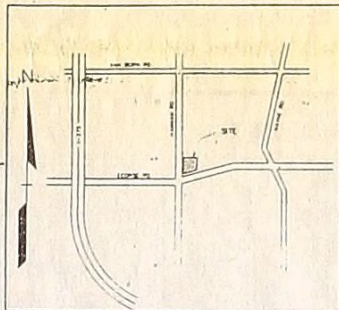


‘Gift of love’

Members of the Michigan Metro Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., recently made their annual visit to the Wayne County Family Center, in Westland. Members donated gift bags filled with toiletries which were distributed to each of the families. This visit is coordinated by the “Enhance the Status of Women” committee of Top Ladies. The committee chair, Lady Tommie Butler, is pictured above with Chapter President, Lady Janet M. Carter. They are making one of their ‘Gift of Love’ deliveries.

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised, that the City of Romulus Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing to be held Monday, April 16, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485. The purpose of the meeting is to consider PC-2001-002, a request from Ron Jona & Associates for Special Use Land Approval for a 7-11 Convenience Store with a Citgo Gasoline Station to be located on the northeast corner of Ecorse and Hannan Roads [on the southwest 1.54± acres of DP# 026 99 0015 000] located in a C-3 (Highway Service) zoned district.



All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 16, 2001 and should be addressed to Bradley Raymond, Director, Building, Safety and Engineering Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 00/01-46

SIX TWO WHEEL DRIVE
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The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk’s Office no later than 2:00 p.m., April 17, 2001. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

WAYNE DISPOSAL, INC.
DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY OPERATING LICENSE MAJOR MODIFICATION,
MD 048 090 633

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) hereby gives notice of their intent to issue a state hazardous waste facility operating license major modification pursuant to Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan’s Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Act 451) to Wayne Disposal, Inc. (WDI). In August 1999, WDI submitted an application to MDEQ for an operating license major modification.

WDI operates hazardous waste and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) landfill disposal facility at their site located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive in Belleville, Michigan (the facility). The proposed major modification is for a revised landfill design, which would allow the use of additional capacity that was previously authorized in the facility’s Part 111 operating license issued April 14, 1997, and extension of the operating license expiration date to April 14, 2007. In addition, the U.S. EPA is currently reviewing a similar proposal for the disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) waste at the WDI facility pursuant to the Federal Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA). U.S. EPA will issue a public notice at a later date.

The MDEQ proposes to issue the operating license major modification. The MDEQ believes they have conducted a thorough review of the application, and request public comment on the draft operating license major modification. The public comment period on the draft documents will begin on April 5, 2001 and end on June 4, 2001. A public hearing is scheduled for May 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville High School located at 501 West Columbia in Belleville, Michigan. Commenters at the public hearing should register by 7:30 p.m. and submit two written copies of their comments to the MDEQ at the hearing, if possible. The public hearing location is accessible to disabled persons. To request accommodations for the deaf or copies of information in Braille, please contact Ms. Julie Blanchard at 517-373-9875, at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

The MDEQ will consider and respond to all significant public comments received during the public comment period, including any comments received during the public hearing. After a final decision is made on the draft operating license major modification, the MDEQ will issue a written responsiveness summary, which responds to significant comments made during the public comment period and public hearing, and summarizes the changes to the draft license and the reason for each change.

The administrative record for the draft Part 111 operating license major modification is on file at the MDEQ Waste Management Division Office located on the first floor of the John A. Hannah Building in Lansing, Michigan (contact Mr. Peter Quackenbush at 517-373-7397). Copies of the draft Part 111 operating license major modification and fact sheet are also available for review at the MDEQ Southeast Michigan District Office, located at 38980 Seven Mile Road in Livonia, Michigan (contact Mr. Michael Busse at 313-953-1403); and the VanBuren Township Hall, located at 46425 Tyler Road, in Belleville, Michigan (contact Brian Ballard at 734-699-8926), and at the Fred C. Fischer Library located at 167 Fourth Street, in Belleville, Michigan (contact Ms. Deborah Green at 734-699-3291).

Comments and requests regarding the draft Part 111 operating license major modification, requests to be placed on the facility mailing list, and requests for information, including request for copies of the major modification and fact sheet should be sent to Mr. Peter Quackenbush at the MDEQ’s Lansing address given below. Written comments concerning the major modification should include the name and address of the writer, a concise statement of the basis for the comments, and the supporting facts upon which the comments are based.

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Great Grand Parents: Genevieve Dugan of Romulus



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Born: December 13, 2000 at 6 lbs., 6 oz.
Proud Parents: Robert (Bob) & Karen Smith of Wayne
Grand Parents: Greg & Debbie Salley of Wayne, Bob & Linda Smith of Mahomet, IL
Great Grand Parents: Wade & Martha Warner of Hopkinsville, KY and Lillian Salley of Westland

SAMANTHA ROSE FOSTER
Born: February 2, 2001 at 7 lbs., 12 oz.
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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF WAYNE



Rotary's newest recruit

Lawrene Bishop (center) became the newest member of the Wayne Rotary when she was installed by Assistant District Governor David Carpenter at the club's weekly meeting at the Wayne Community Center. Lawrene, who is the manager of the Bank One at Michigan Ave. and Wayne Road, joined the club on March 27. Lawrene is presently serving as the District Chairperson for Rotary Youth Exchange. Pictured above, from left to right, are Lois VanStipdonk, Rotary President, Bishop, and Carpenter, assistant District Governor.

Former Wayne resident is honored by Canton

Frank McMurray, one of the catalysts who helped build the Wayne Jaycees and was the "Jaycee of the Year" in 1969, was honored last week by the Canton community.

McMurray, a Wayne Memorial graduate, was installed into Canton's Hall of Fame. He joins such notable past and present Canton dignitaries as John Flodin, Jake and Phil Dingeldey, James Kosteva, Bruce Patterson, John Hoben, Loren and Terry Bennett - all of whom have been installed in the coveted "Hall".

"I am honored and grateful for this recognition," McMurray told the huge gathering.

The 62-year-old McMurray, whose brother Ed is a community activist in Wayne, moved to Wayne in 1947 and worked for Ford Motor Company from 1959-1964 before he decided to go into the insurance business. He has been an independent contractor for State Farm Insurance Company since



Frank A. McMurray

1964.

The tireless Frank McMurray has an incredibly long list of achievements and accomplishments. He helped coordinate a summer program through the YMCA for underprivileged children at Galimore School and was very much involved in organizing senior citizens' programs in the area. He helped develop a master plan for maintenance of parks and

the development of two softball field at Griffin Park.

McMurray is a charter member of Canton's Kiwanis Club and is also a member of the Rotary. He served on the Citizens Committee to study the Summit and was one of the prime promoters of the Gene "Santa" Reeves Christmas Fund.

He also served as a delegate to the 1985 White House Conference on Small Business and helped plan the 1981 State of Michigan Small Business Conference.

Among other prominent local and Canton dignitaries who have been installed in the Hall of Fame are Bart Berg, Flossie Tonda, Kay Baldrice, Richard Palmer, Larry Miller, Ken Gruebel, Wallace Baker, James Gillig, Melissa McLaughlin, Dave Artley, Cathy Johnson, Joan Palmer, Roy Schulz, Bob Card, Tillie Schulz, Bob Ruete, Dorothy West, Phil LaJoy, Bob Padgett, John Schwartz and Louis Stein.

Toyota tags local teacher for unique opportunity

Toyota didn't have to look far or long to find the person they wanted for one of their unique programs.

The Japanese auto manufacturer turned to the Wayne-Westland schools.

And there was only one word that explained James Schirmer's reaction when he learned of this extraordinary opportunity that the Japanese auto manufacturer was offering him.

"Wow!" he said.

William D. Ford Career/Technical Center Automotive Technology instructor James Schirmer has been selected to participate in the coveted Toyota International Teacher Program.

In June, Schirmer will pack up his bags and travel to Japan to learn about the country's history, values, and education system, as well as its approach to issues such

as technology and the environment.

"We believe secondary school teachers greatly benefit from this unique exchange and expand their curriculum through international study," said James Press, executive vice president of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.

Schirmer will join 49 other teachers from California, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia and Michigan; all states that will be represented in the program. In all of these states, Toyota Motors operates major facilities and offers the all-expense paid travel and study program.

Schirmer and the others will visit primary and secondary schools, attend lectures with Japan historians, participate in traditional arts activities, visit recycling projects and areas of environmental protection and be in-

The group also will visit cities in Japan.

roduced to Japanese industries like automobiles and textiles.

The group also will visit cities in Japan including Tokyo, Toyota City and Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan. Upon their return from Japan in early July, participants will immediately submit a revised

Impact Plan detailing how they plan to share their recent experience with students, colleagues and the local media.

"I look forward to visiting Japan and especially spending time in Toyota City. I should be able to bring back some great sto-

ries and ideas for helping my students become better automotive technicians," Schirmer said.

William D. Ford Career Tech Center Principal Bill Richardson agrees that Schirmer's experience aboard will be very rewarding to him and his students as well as the Tech Center.

"Jim really deserves this honor," said Richardson. "He has

been a hard-working, dedicated auto teacher most of his adult life and career.

"Last year he was honored by Ford Motor Company with a summer fellowship to work in the Dearborn Research facility. He has an extremely inquisitive mind and an uncanny ability to excite his students. We're all proud of him."

Parenting in Wayne

"Hot Parenting Ideas" is the theme of a program that is being offered by the Family Resource Center.

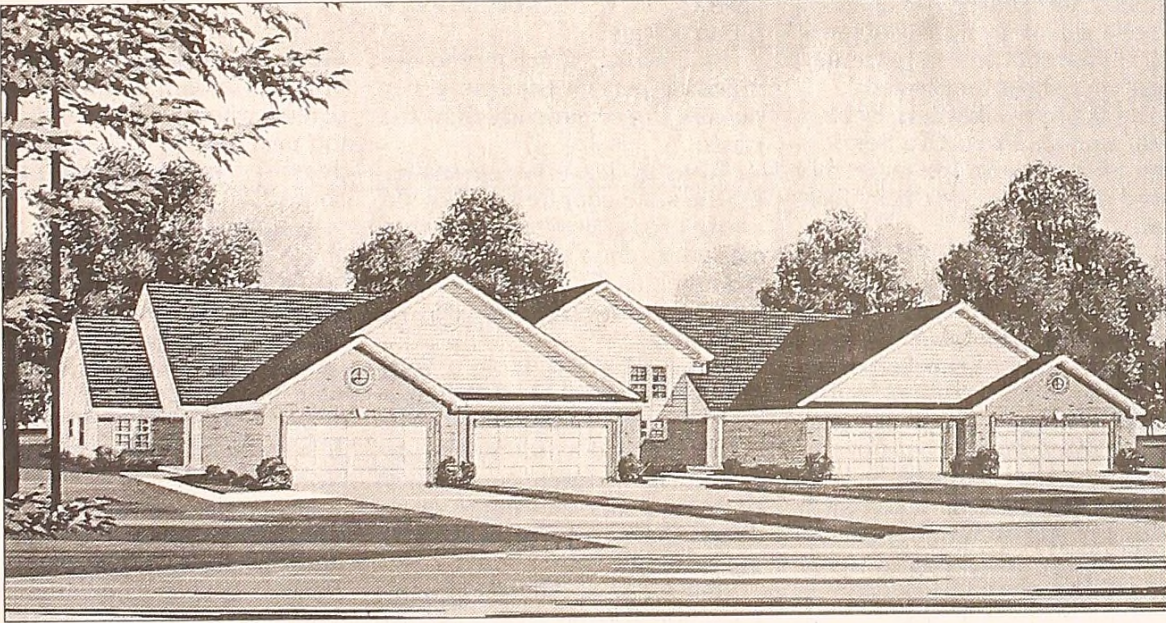
Based on an interactive video series from the book by "Raising a Self Reliant Child" by Stephen Glenn, the program will meet for

eight weeks from 10 a.m. until 12:15 p.m., beginning May 4.

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Public school shootings, bomb threats should be priority one

It is trying times for public education. If the pressures of teaching students to score higher on their MEAPS and working within the framework of restricted budgets were not enough, now administrators and teachers must deal with the increasingly frequent occurrence of bomb threats.

Van Buren Schools, like their next-door neighbor, Lincoln Schools, has had to deal with more than their fair share the past couple of weeks. In one week alone, Van Buren had five bomb threats called in from South Middle School and one from Belleville High School.

Ironically, the Belleville High School threat was not called in by a disgruntled student, but allegedly instead, by teacher and Assistant Band Director Scott Rikkers.

One can seemingly understand a student's motive. Like in the case of the 12-year-old boy and 14-year-old girl that were arrested for the South Middle School bomb threats, the suspects, according to Belleville Police Chief Paul Davis, "just wanted to do it to harass the school and cause an inconvenience."

In fact one of the suspects was allegedly upset because they had been suspended for threatening a teacher. Now they will spend time in the Wayne County Youth Home where they will be preparing for a possible four-year sentence.

Like I write, most of us can understand how misguided teens might think bomb threats could be a way to get even. However, very few of us can understand how a so-

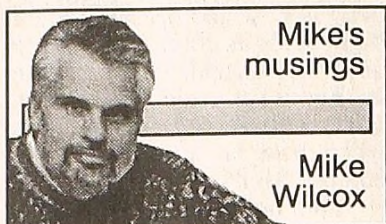
called responsible adult could do the same.

As you might expect, on the advice of his attorney, Rikkers is not talking. From information pieced together by police, the threat was received by the high school's answering machine at 6:30 a.m. in the morning. A secretary retrieving the previous night's messages heard the harrowing threat and notified the principal.

The call was traced to a cell phone allegedly used by Rikkers'. Additionally, school employees think they recognized Rikkers' voice on the answering machine. In any event, Rikkers was arrested, freed on \$10,000 bond and placed on administrative leave pending a school district investigation.

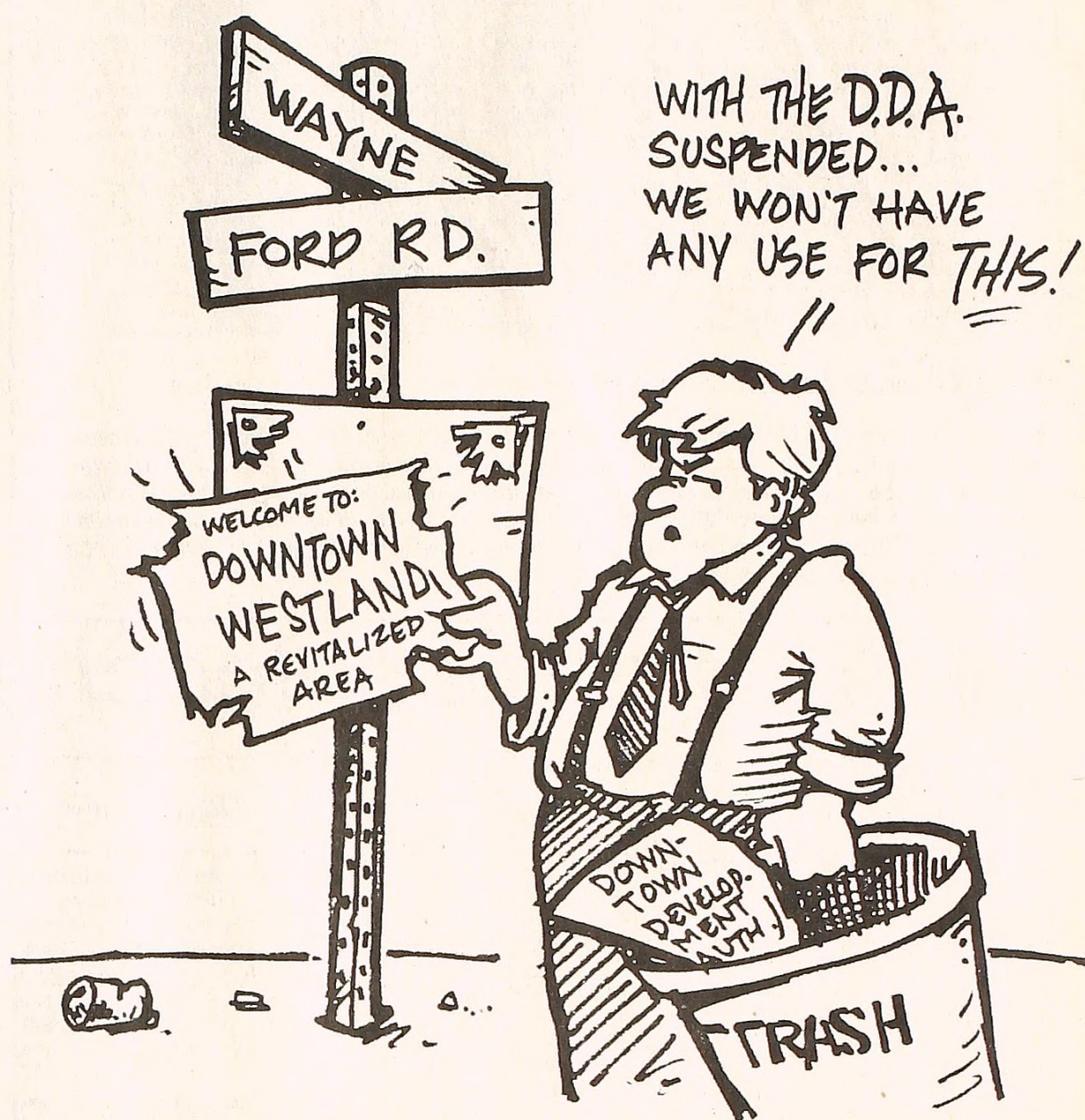
Hopefully a reasonable explanation will eventually prove Rikkers' innocence. It is just too bizarre to believe a teacher would commit such a crime.

In the meantime, we as a society must find solutions to the current round of school shootings and bomb threats that now seem to be frequent occurrences at many schools. These distractions, extremely serious in nature, must be priority number one for all school boards.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



It's not the meat, it's the emotion

Across the country, politicians and candidates for public office spend millions of dollars on research and polling to determine what tactics and issues to use to persuade voters to support them.

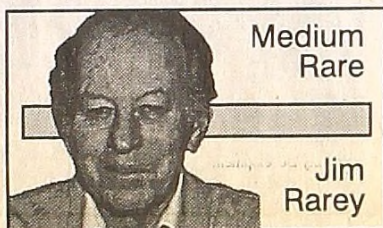
Invariably, the answer is to arouse emotions as the basis for opinions held by the voters.

It is an axiom in political circles that it is extremely difficult to dissuade a person from a point of view that he has adopted on an emotional basis. Factual information rarely does the job unless it evokes an equal or stronger emotional reaction.

This is partly the fault of the educational system. In the last several decades, school curriculum focuses more on value judgments on various issues than on presenting all the facts and letting the student arrive at his or her own conclusion.

In order to analyze "facts" and arrive at a valid conclusion, a logical thought process must be used. This can be taught, but seldom is. When this writer attended public high school (in Oregon) one semester of logic was a required course. Now days, logic is seldom found even as an elective at the college level.

Consequently, politicians tend



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Jim Rarey

to present only the "facts" that will support their stand on selected issues. If there are no facts to stir the emotions in his favor, the politician will often manufacture them. One writer observed, "The problem is not what we know, but what we know that isn't so."

When facts (that cannot be contradicted) are brought out by another, the typical response is to make personal attacks on the "messenger" to try to destroy his credibility.

This tactic has been elevated to the status of an art in the nation's capital, but is used at all levels by politicians. It has even been given a name, "The politics of personal destruction."

We have several examples of the above tactics in local politicians' fight against a hazardous waste injection well in Romulus.

One of the opponents' themes in that there is no "need" for the well because alternative methods

are not running at full capacity. What they didn't tell us was the "alternatives" are dumping the waste into the water system in the Detroit River as opposed to sealing it 4,000 feet below the water system, as the well would do.

Another ploy was to dramatize problems of a facility in Texas that used an injection well claiming all kinds of genetic horrors caused by it (without any proof). What they didn't tell us was that it was the surface operation (fuel blending) that caused what problems the facility did have, not the well itself.

They then claimed similar problems could be expected from the Romulus well. Again, they didn't tell us that the closest parallel to that Texas operation is Michigan Recovery, which for years has been processing and recycling solvents in a surface operation and then dumping wastes in the sewer.

As a result of these (and other misleading arguments) the Romulus City Council has been intimidated into spending over \$1 million dollars fighting a waste disposal method that arguably is more friendly to the environment than existing methods, and would lower costs to waste generators and ultimately to the public that buys their products.

New law makes state Big Daddy

Are you fit to have a baby?

In the past, there was no way of knowing. You had a child, did your best, and prayed.

But since March 7, Michigan's caring state government will end all doubts of parental fitness by declaring in advance if you will be a fit or unfit parent.

According to an April 2 article in the Detroit Free Press, "The Family Independent Agency will gather information on about 144,000 newborns per year from the Department of Community Health and search for matches weekly against its own database of 34,000 parents whose [parental] rights have been terminated."

So if you're like Keri Webb, a deaf woman, Protective Services can follow you to the maternity ward and snatch your baby from you.

In July 1992, Protective Services snatched Gerald, Webb's baby boy from her; two days after he was born, on a complaint by Keri's stepmother, Diane Knickerbocker.

Protective Services found Knickerbocker a credible source. I can't speak for you, but I wouldn't rely on a woman who had two of her own children taken away after she microwaved her pet dog and tried to shake-and-bake her pet cat. But who am I to judge?

Knickerbocker alleged that Gerald Webb, Keri's deaf husband, had molested the couple's daughter, Angie, when she was three.

Before snatching Baby Gerald, Protective Services questioned the deaf couple about the allegation.

Perhaps in a better world, Protective Services would have complied with the Civil Rights Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act and brought an interpreter to signal the questions and answers in American Sign Language — and I'm sure social workers will do that in heaven. In this world, neither the social workers' questions nor the Webbs' answers were translated to a language that a deaf person could be expected to understand.

Too bad, because, according to Keri's lawyer, all Keri tried to say was: "We just want to take our baby home and be left alone."

Keri got neither wish. The baby was adopted out to another home and the Webbs weren't left alone until they moved to Canada.

Because Gerald was adopted out, the Webbs can't get him back: social workers have good faith immunity, the Webbs can't sue them (though they have tried).

All they could do is move across the border.

With Michigan's social workers recently empowered to snatch ba-



Ivan Helfman

bies from the maternity ward and recently empowered to bring armed guards along, I expect that many Michiganders will follow the Webbs to Canada.

How, you may ask, did the state's social workers obtain totalitarian powers?

By creating a crisis and demanding permanent emergency powers to permanently fight the crisis.

To justify delivery room snatches, the state conjured up a child abuse crisis. Don't ask me what constitutes child abuse these days. Making kids do homework? Not buying them cell phones? — I don't know.

But I do know, from a Wall Street Journal article that I quoted in another column, that more children raised by the state or by state-assigned foster parents end up behind bars, on welfare, or on drugs than children raised by their parents.

Besides being damned by numbers, the government's barbarity as a substitute parent was vouched for by Teresa Summers. In a story we ran last year, Teresa recounted the frequent sexual abuse she and her step-sisters experienced in foster care.

"The whole idea here is prevention," said Mark Jasonowicz, deputy director of the state Family Independence Agency, told the

I wouldn't rely on a woman who had two of her own children taken away after she microwaved her pet dog and tried to shake-and-bake her pet cat.

Freep. "We want to identify those parents who have been abusive in the past and try to head off any possible incidents of future abuse."

If eliminating the most child abuse is the goal, the logical step would be to return child-rearing to parents. Granted that a few parents will hurt their kids, almost all parents love their kids. As for the state, it loves power, not kids, and to put it gently, power and children's welfare rarely complement each other.

One only has to spend time with home-schooled kids to see the superiority of parent-raised children to even state-influenced ones, a reminder of how things used to be in Eisenhower America. A taste of how things are in a limited-government country like Switzerland.

But these comments are only my thoughts and questions. If you don't like them, the state of Michigan has a question you might like better: "Are you fit to have a baby?"

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Police boycott cop killer's friends

To the editor:

At the recent National Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) conference, the delegation in attendance voted unanimously to begin a boycott of persons, products and companies associated with the supporting of convicted cop killer Mumia Abu-Jamal.

In case you don't know, he was convicted in the 1981 killing of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner under overwhelming evidence. The act was an especially brutal and sadistic murder that still haunts the family, friends and coworkers of Officer Faulkner. (The New York Shields presented Officer Faulkner's family with a Medal of Valor at their 1999 Police Memorial Breakfast). Convict Abu-Jamal has written a book, "Live from Death Row," and attempted to place himself in a celebrity status as a result of his criminal behavior.

Others have supported his pathetic attempt to gain stardom and freedom, all the while spitting in the face of Officer Faulkner, his family and every single law enforcement officer in the United States.

The F.O.P. has announced the formal boycotting of the following:

1. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Products (donators to a defense fund for the killer).

2. Actor Paul Newman, and his products (an outspoken supporter of the killer).

3. Actress Susan Sarandon (supporter of this convicted killer).

4. Filmmakers Spike Lee, Oliver Stone and John Landis (supporters of the killer).

5. Writers Norman Mailer and Joyce Carol Oates (supporters of the killer).

6. Supermodel Naomi Campbell (supporter of the killer).

7. Musicians Sting, David Byrne and Michael Stipe of REM, (supporters of the killer).

8. The Beastie Boys who are performing "free" benefit concerts for the killer's defense fund. One of their "benefit concerts" scheduled for Baltimore, MD had to be canceled when Baltimore police officers refused to work the overtime shifts for security at the concert.

As you may not know, a tape recorded statement made by this heinous convicted killer, was

played at the graduation commencement ceremony of Evergreen State College in the state of Washington in June 1999. This resulted in over 800 graduates walking out and another two dozen turning their backs during the killer's three minute diatribe of hate.

The F.O.P.'s position is getting widespread coverage in the media, as well it should. The members of the New York Shields stand with our fellow brothers across this country in strongly supporting this boycott and honoring the memory of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner.

We urge you to participate in this boycott and request that you pass this e-mail on to your coworkers, partners, family and friends. We must stand together against this brutal murderer.

Please do your part and pass this important message along to your friends. Call your local grocer and tell them about Ben & Jerry's support of a cop killer.

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Wayne will only settle for the title in 2001

Wakefield admits it won't be easy task

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial coach Tom Wakefield has moved the bar up a couple of notches. The sophomore varsity baseball coach says that the team's goal this season is to win its first and last Mega-White championship.

"It's going to take a lot of commitment by the individuals and the team, but we feel we can do it," said Wakefield, who is beginning his first full year as head coach.

Four games into the 2000 season, Wakefield was asked to take over the team after the Wayne-

Westland Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Greg Baracy requested and received coach Jim Chronowski's resignation.

A 30-year coaching veteran, Chronowski was asked to step down by the administration after he allegedly used expletives during a meeting with the players.

Wayne and Wakefield opened the year 2001 campaign Tuesday afternoon at home to Livonia Churchill. The Zebras will raise the curtains on the Mega-White season Monday when they travel to Lincoln Park.

Next year, Wakefield and Zebras will not have to concern themselves with the Mega Conference. They will be leaving the con-

ference and joining natural rival, Westland John Glenn, in the 12-team Western Lakes Activities Conference.

Wayne would like nothing better to bid adieu to the Mega with the championship in their pocket. They could do it, thanks to the return of senior infielder Adam See, pitcher-infielder Ryan Ybarra, third baseman Chris Cox and catcher Dave Cicotte.

The four are excellent prospects and, with luck, are shoo-ins for all-conference consideration.

Wakefield had 50 players - the largest in recent years - turn out the first day of practice. In those numbers he had five to six decent

looking pitchers. Bob Bailey, Adam Zimmerman, Tony Barber, Tommy Collup and Pat Baxter are all working to make the grade in the starting rotation.

Cicotte, a junior, will have Cox as a back-up backstop.

Wakefield also has a couple of other fine prospects. Chris Montoya who is working out at first, and sophomore import from the Dominican Republic, Jose Sabino, Jr., also looks good enough now to break into the starting lineup.

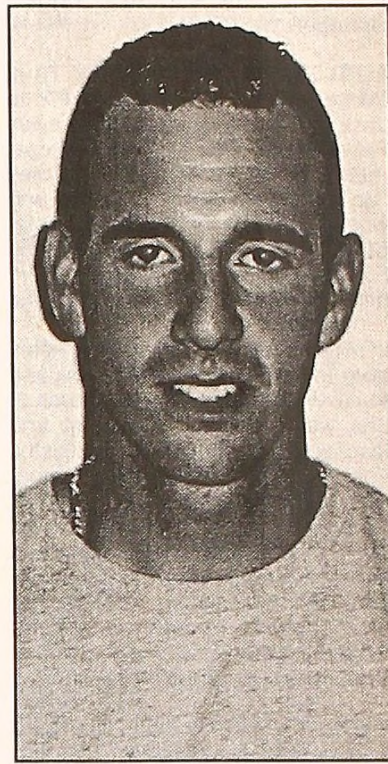
Outfielders Greg Laws, Mark Townsend, Pat Baxter and Tony Barber provide depth, a luxury that Wakefield did not have a year ago. The Wayne coach also has Hareesh Sajjani available as a util-

ity player.

"I definitely think we have an opportunity to win the title with these kids," Wakefield said. "If we don't, I would be the first to be surprised."

The Mega-White realignment this year includes Carlson, Redford Union, Ypsilanti, Allen Park, Trenton, Taylor Kennedy, Wyandotte, and Wayne Memorial. Most of the teams presently assigned to the White Division traditionally have fielded strong contenders in the past.

The Mega-White definitely will be a division in the Mega to keep your eyes on.



Tom Wakefield

An end of era: Moshimer retires

A coaching era has come to an end.

Plymouth-Salem's legendary football coach Tom Moshimer, who has coached football for 42 years, 34 of those at Salem, has decided to retire. After 200 victories, a state championship, several divisional championships, Moshimer said "it's time to call it quits."

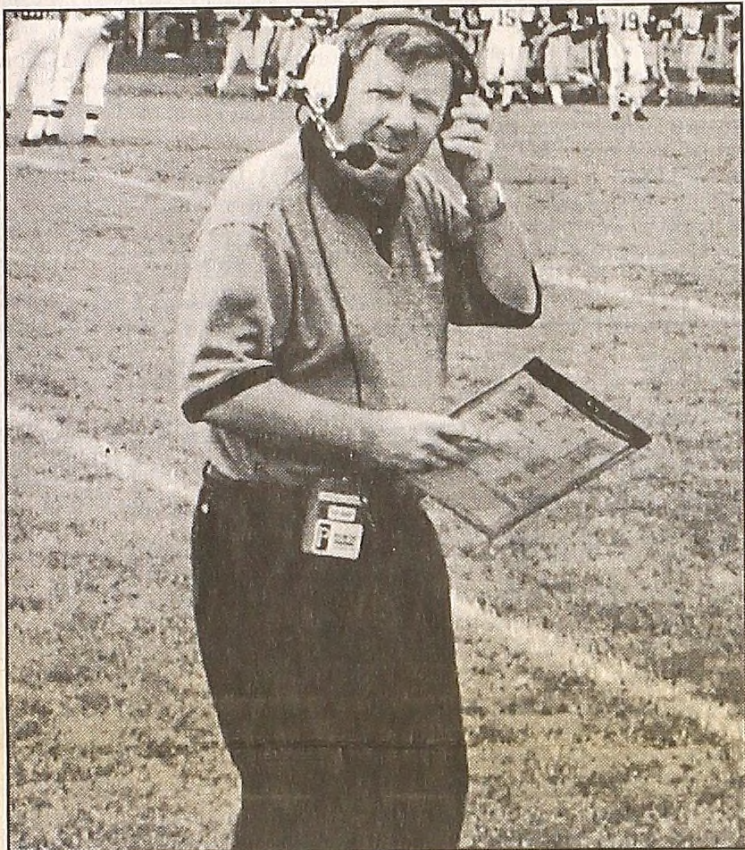
At 9 a.m., March 27, 2001, coach Moshimer officially retired.

"It's a tough decision, but it is a decision that had to be made," said Moshimer during a telephone interview Sunday night. "I have had a great time. Met some great people. Coached some outstanding kids, but I do want to spend more time with my family and loved ones, so I have decided to retire."

Tom Moshimer is first and only football coach in the history of Plymouth-Salem High School. "We'll miss him as a friend and as a coaching adversary," said Glenn's Chuck Gordon. "It will be strange looking across the field and not seeing Tom standing there when our two teams meet."

"But, I guess there comes a time when we all have to say 'it's time.'"

During his tenure as coach, Moshimer has produced such



Tom Moshimer

standouts as Ron Egloff, who went on to star at the University of Wisconsin and later played for the Denver Broncos; Bob Thornblad, who had an outstanding collegiate career during the late 1960's at the University of Michigan, and a successful pro career with the Kansas City Chiefs, and Tony Vitale, of Central Michigan fame who played for Arizona and Green Bay.

Moshimer said he was proud of the kids and equally proud of his coaching staff that "stuck with me through the best and worst of times."

Over the past three decades,

there were little, if any, changes in the Moshimer's coaching staff. Bob Cummings has been on staff for 16 years; Chris Hymes, 15 years; Dave Schantz, 14 years.

"Yes, I will miss them," Moshimer admits.

In 1985, Tom Moshimer was installed in the Michigan Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and during the 1991-92 year he served as the president of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

Gerald Ostoin, principal at Plymouth-Salem, said that coach Moshimer will be missed.

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Coach Orsetti wonders where the ball players have gone

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

When he posted the notice on the school bulletin board about playing baseball this season, Robichaud High coach Richard Orsetti knew that the pickings would be slim.

He didn't realize how slim they were until last week when he came face-to-face with only a dozen of players.

"It's the smallest turnout I've had since I got the job as head coach and that was five years ago," said Orsetti. "I am fanning the hallways looking for prospects, and if you know of any I'd appreciate it if they would contact me."

Fortunately for the Bulldogs they don't have a game scheduled until April 25 when they are on the road at Romulus. They'll face a Romulus lineup that three three-year starters on the mound, and that already would have had seven games under their belts before facing the Bulldogs.

On paper, Romulus looks like a contender in the Mega-Gold. Fordson, the defending champ, and Crestwood, also have enough holdovers to compete for the title.

What Robichaud does have is

Johnson saw limited action

a year ago, but he does

have the potential to

be one of the best.

-Coach Orsetti

6-8 junior pitcher Marcus Johnson. But Johnson, again, is hurting. He isn't fully recovered from a wrist injury suffered during the football season.

"Johnson saw limited action a year ago, but he does have the potential to be one of the best," said Orsetti.

But Johnson's supporting cast is filled with freshmen - eight of them. The only other player back with any kind of experience is Bradford Brown, a junior outfielder who played in four games a year ago in a 5-13 season.

"We definitely have our work cut out for us this year," Orsetti said.

The cadre of freshmen that the Robichaud coach is looking at are: Melvin Ballard, Jr., a catcher-shortstop; Michael Stewart, first base and short; Daniel Gross,

third base; Maurice Love, a catcher who can play short or first if called upon; Antoine Dupree, infielder and outfielder Frank Swistack.

Two brothers - Robert and Gordon Rizer - are being groomed as outfielders. Gordon is a senior. A third outfielder, Willie Wimberly, a senior, is an excellent hitter.

Orsetti said the inclement weather has restricted his team's practice to indoors.

"We've been outside maybe three times, but our last two practices were excellent ones. They have convinced me that they have talent, the problem is we're young and we're going to take our lumps."

In the meantime, Romulus heads for Ypsilanti on Friday to open the 2000 Mega Conference season against the Braves, and coach Keith Brothers has a doubleheader scheduled for Monday against the Cardinals of Melvindale. Then, on Wednesday, Brothers and the Eagles will welcome back Jerome Orr to the Mega-Gold.

Orr (See related story) was appointed to replace Johnny Graham as head coach at Inkster. He returns to the Vikings after a three-year hiatus.

Wayne sets deadline for softball entries

Wayne Parks and Recreation officials announced this week they are continuing to register players for the upcoming softball and baseball seasons.

Players may register from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Wayne Community Center, Annapolis and Howe Roads.

There is a \$40 per player regis-

tration fee; the non-resident's fee is \$50.

For more information, please contact the parks and recreation department at 734-721-7400.

Ex-baseball coach says he deserved better from district

Graham says he's disappointed contract wasn't renewed

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

When you pour your heart and soul into your work, you believe that you should be given an opportunity to complete the job you were hired to do.

But, Johnny Graham wasn't.

In fact, Graham's contract as varsity baseball coach at Inkster High was not renewed this year. He was abruptly dismissed from his love of coaching, and he's frustrated.

"First, let me make it clear that I respect the decision by the ad-

ministration not to rehire me," said Graham, during a personal interview. "I just want it to be known that I put in a lot of work - hard work - with these kids and I believe that I deserved better than what I got."

"I am disappointed, and this isn't a sour grapes kind of statement because when a person, whoever he or she is, does their job, and there is no reason to fire him, then he shouldn't be fired."

Graham said that he was ex-

tended an opportunity to work with the incoming coach, Jerome Orr; but he turned down the offer.

Graham said that the baseball program at Inkster High School was in shambles when he took over two years ago. The varsity squad lacked the numbers to put a complete team on the field. He said that because of other commitments, "there were only six to seven players showing up for practice and subsequently games had to be forfeited or canceled."

"I put in a lot of hard work last year to get the program up and running," Graham added. "I was asked to put a squad on the ball field for six games more than what they did the two previous seasons."

Graham pointed out that Inkster High has a rich history of producing excellent ball players. Some of Inkster's sons, such as Leon Wagner, went on to earn recognition as professional ball players. Wagner played for the

Cleveland Indians.

Others notables such as Preston James returned to Inkster High to coach and teach, while others played semi-pro or pro ball, ball players such as Richard Bailey, Pete Coleman, Oliver Gaston, Mark Ballard, Cyrus Timmons and Ron Ford who had remarkable careers.

Graham said that though there are "no hard feelings between the incoming coach," he had to turn down the offer to work with him.

"I just didn't feel comfortable in that kind of situation," Graham explained.

Dave Mann, who took over as Inkster High's athletic director in September, was not available at press time for comment. But one school official said that it wasn't unusual for a new administration to want to bring in "new blood" to revive what has been of late a very low-achieving program.

Vikings, turn to All-American sprinter to revive program

Thomas named coach

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Inkster High's young and dynamic athletic director Dave Mann has turned to a former All-American sprinter to rebuild the Vikings' track program.

Mann announced that Eugene Thomas, a former Eastern Michigan University track star, has been named as the head coach for both the boys' and girls' track teams.

Thomas, who was an All-American sprinter that captured NCAA as well as NAIA honors while at EMU during the late 1960 and early 1970's, formerly coached at Bishop Borgess in Dearborn Heights. He was raised in Ohio and completed his high school education before attending EMU in Ypsilanti.

"We have a lot of work to do

here," said Thomas, who received his coaching baptismal at the EMU Relays last week. "We don't have many athletes out this season, and when you don't have depth, you have problems."

Thomas said that "there is definitely a lot of talent here. My challenge will be motivate these youngsters to do the best they are capable of. The kids who have come out are really working hard. They are dedicated."

At the EMU Relays, Thomas managed to put together a lineup for the 800-meter relay which finished eighth.

In the event, Cassandra Holdshaw, Brittany Evans, Tiffany Smith and Dominique Whitner ran a 1:55.8.

Whitner, a sophomore, is a premier sprinter who a year ago finished fourth in the state in the 400-meter event. She was clocked in 1:00.4 and earned All-State recognition for her performance.

Thomas says that the team is young and strong and are looking forward to their Mega-Gold Division opener against Dearborn Heights Annapolis. The Vikings will entertain Annapolis and Ecorse in a triangular meet

scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m. on April 10.

Thomas also has four good-looking prospects in the hurdles. They are Tiffany Collins (sophomore), Easley, a freshman who is being groomed as a sprinter, Sanika Langston, a junior who is also a sprinter, and freshman Evelyn Health.

Sophomore Deedee Murphy will compete in the shot put and the discus, while Sophie Wilks, a freshman, also is working out in the shot put and discus events.

Others who coach Thomas will rely upon are Christina

Henderson (shot put, discus), Dominique Graves (hurdler), and Latonya Redd (sprinter).

Thomas has a capable and experienced assistant coach in Krissy Horton.

The Vikings boys' team was represented by seven athletes at the EMU Relays. Forming the nucleus of the team are Marlon Garmes (freshman, middle distances), Allen Jones, (junior, middle distances), Gregory Nelson (freshman, sprinter), Anthony Street (400-meters, middle distances), Brandon Todd (sprinter), and DeJuan Allen (long and high jump).

Orr returns to his 'field of dreams'

His 3-year baseball coaching hiatus ends at Inkster High

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Coach Jerome Orr last week returned to his "field of dreams" after a long and frustrating three-year absence from coaching.

Orr was picked to replace Johnny Graham as the head baseball coach at Inkster High School.

"I am glad to be back and eager for the upcoming challenges," said Orr, who coached the 1997 Vikings.

Orr had a total of 18 players turn out for practice the first day. In that small cadre of hopefuls

are five returning letter winners who played for a team that finished below the .500 average mark a year ago.

And this season the Vikings will see an improved Mega-Gold Division standing in their path. Fordson, the defending Mega-Gold champ, and Crestwood, always a potential title threat, are joined by a seasoned Romulus team as the coaches' picks to lead the chase for the title.

That leaves Highland Park, River Rouge, Robichaud and Inkster to fight it out in the middle of the pack.

But Orr, who never concedes anything to anyone, says that his ball club could surprise a lot of people this year.

"We have some good kids who can be tough if we can get over the early rough spots. I know it isn't going to be easy - nothing really is."

The five returning letter winners include a trio of pitchers - Brandon Dawson, a sophomore righthander, and senior Kentrail Flicking, who is coming off of a successful basketball season. Both will take up positions in the infield when they are not trying

to strike out opponents.

Also back in the Viking lineup are leftfielder Keith Hicks and first-baseman Roosevelt Sledge, who also will see his share of mound duties. Marcus Warren, a rightfielder who can handle third, is a solid performer at the plate. The senior is the only other returning letterman.

Orr is also looking at Reggie Smith, a freshman and southpaw, to also throw this season, and nephew, Jason Orr, a sophomore is working to break into the pitching rotation.

Freshman righthander Marcus

Peterson is the last of the pitching candidates.

Orr has a solid infield with Mike Turner at first, Jerome Orr at second, and Flicking at short. Third base is up for grabs between Reggie Smith and Marcus Warren.

Orr, who isn't scheduled to play his opener until the 11th at Romulus, said he hopes to get in a couple of scrimmages before opening day.

He'll need it - Romulus is reported to be stocked with experience this season.

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"We've had one great run," Ostoin said. "We are losing a head coach with 42 years of experience, 34 of them at Plymouth Salem High School. He has been our only head coach."

"And, let me add that coach Moshimer is, and has been, an excellent role model with great integrity. He is loyal and follows the chain of command. He has won numerous awards, and a state championship who was the Coach of the Year in Class A."

"But, more importantly, during the last 42 years, he has made a positive impact on thousands of young men," Ostoin stressed.

Girls softball, golf coaches, attention

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

If you're a girls' high school softball, golf or track coach and want to see your team's achievements in the local newspaper, then pick up the phone and contact the Michigan Community Newspapers' sports desk.

For further information, please contact MCN Staff Writer

Tom Mooradian at 734-729-4000.

The MCN sports staff is seeking the results of local teams, specifically those in its circulation area, namely, Belleville, Romulus,

Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth-Canton, Plymouth-Salem, Inkster and Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

For further information, please contact MCN Staff Writer Tom Mooradian at 734-729-4000. Coaches may also "fax" results to the desk. The MCN number is 734-729-6088.

MCN also wants to thank athletic directors and/or their secretaries for expeditiously sending their spring sports schedules.

Softball deadline Friday

Softball managers or team representatives have until 5 p.m. Friday, April 6, to register their teams for the Romulus Parks and Recreation's summer leagues.

Recreation officials announced that they are accepting registration for the following leagues: Class B and Class C (Red Division); C and D (White Division); and Class D and below (Blue Division).

Officials also stress that they plan to field a Women's Division with eight teams playing 14 games.

Team managers who need more information are urged to contact the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department at 734-942-6852.

Henn wins opening tourney

It was a nice way to start the season.

Wayne Memorial's Amber Henn, competing against some of the finest in the field, won the Dearborn High Girls' Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday.

Staged at Warren Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights, Henn beat out two other competitors from Livonia Stevenson by one stroke to emerge as the medalist from the field.

Wayne also received excellent performances from Kayla Slezak, LeeAnn Rutowski, Lindsay Fallo and Christina Goumans.

There were 90 girls who competed in the first major tournament of the 2001 high school season.

Coach Carolyn Newton's Zebras hosted Southgate on Tuesday for their first Mega Conference dual match of the season, and will travel to Monroe today (Thursday) to test the Trojans.

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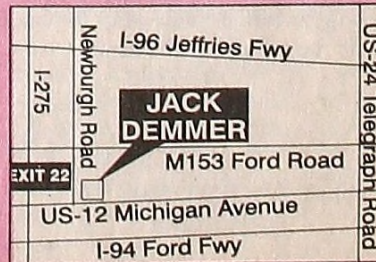
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